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Drinking Water Projects
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of drinking water projects being run by the Government
State/UT-wise;
(b) whether various drinking water projects for providing clean drinking water in rural areas are running behind schedule; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)
(a) to (c) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the Government provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. The States have been delegated the powers to select, approve and implement the drinking water supply projects. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation does not maintains the status of works under the drinking water schemes / projects in the country. However, as per the information entered by the States in the Integrated Information Management System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 28.02.2016, there are 77,607 ongoing drinking water projects in different States of the Country as can be seen in Annexure.

Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), drinking water schemes / projects prepared by the States do not come to the Central Government for approval. States have State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) which approves the rural drinking water supply projects to be taken up in the State. Generally, drinking water projects like Hand Pump / Bore well are completed within a year and mega multi village piped water schemes take time between 3 to 5 years. States are advised to complete these projects in time during review meetings / annual action plan meetings / video conferences by the Ministry.